

NEW G.A.R. OFFICERS

State Encampment at Sedalia was Attended By 800 Old Soldiers.

NEXT MEETING AT HANNIBAL

Annual Parade and Flag Raising at High School Were Features of Gathering.

The thirty-third annual encampment of the Missouri department of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Sedalia with more than 800 delegates present. In addition to the accredited delegates there were more than 500 veteran Union soldiers attending the encampment.

In the parade through the principal streets there were between 800 and 1,000 old soldiers in the line of march. The veterans assisted in a flag raising at the Sedalia high school, where about 3,000 school children saluted the flag and cheered the veterans.

The delegates were welcomed by Mayor J. L. Babcock and the response was made by C. J. Williams of California.

The chief address of the day was by Washington Zardner, commander in chief, of Adrian, Mich. Hannibal was selected as the place for holding the encampment in May, 1915, and these officers were elected:

Department commander, William Lowe, Warrensburg; senior vice commander, W. H. Wormsted, Kansas City; junior vice commander, Charles Koock, Sedalia; medical director, Dr. T. S. Hawley, St. Louis; chaplain, the Rev. T. H. Hagerty; council of administration, F. P. Becker, St. Louis; A. Whipple, St. Louis; John T. Clark, Jefferson City; Alfred Zariman, Kansas City, and C. M. C. Loyd, St. Joseph. F. P. Becker was elected delegate at large to the national encampment at Detroit, in September.

COUNTY PLANTS MANY FISH

About 2,400,000 Were Distributed in Streams of Phelps Within Two Days Recently.

Probably the most extensive planting of fish in Missouri has just been finished in Phelps county. One lot of 1,200,000 jack salmon minnows were planted by the Fish and Game Protective League. Then another shipment of the same kind and number was received and distributed. The shipments came from the United States fish hatchery at Neosho, and comprised twenty-three cars each.

The fish in the first shipment were planted in Gower's creek, six miles east of Rolla, and in Dry Fork. Dry Fork empties into the Meramec river, and these fish will make their way into that stream. The second shipment was planted in Little Beaver, which empties into Little Piney, and from thence into Big Piney, and then into the Gasconade river, which is considered by many as the best stream in this state for the propagation of these fish.

The Phelps County Fish and Game Protective League expects to receive this month and during the summer and fall four more large shipments of fish for stocking the various streams of this county. These will be bass, rainbow trout, crappie, goggle eye perch and bream.

Instructor to Oklahoma.—O. F. Field, instructor of physical education at the University of Missouri, was appointed to the position of physical director of the University of Oklahoma. He will begin his duties there next fall.

To Restore Policies.—Before the Missouri State Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, adjourned its triennial meeting, a resolution was adopted pledging the efforts of Missouri's delegates to get such action at the Toledo convention, June 19, as would assure the restoration of all of the three hundred thousand members who withdrew from the order because of the high rate agitation and to permit them to resume their policies at their old rate, provided they can pass a medical examination.

Electric Shock Kills.—Ralph Humphreys, 20 years old, was electrocuted in the office of a packing plant at Springfield when he attempted to turn on an incandescent light. Physicians used a pulmotor for an hour trying to revive him, but death probably was instantaneous. Roy Vorden, another employee, attempted to release Humphreys and was hurled twenty feet when he touched the body.

Confederate Veteran Dies.—Albert M. Carter, a retired farmer and veteran of the Confederate Army, is dead at his home in Warrensburg. He was a native of Kentucky and 74 years old.

Shipping Mules to Border.—The first consignment of Missouri horses and mules purchased by the government since the outbreak of the trouble with Mexico passed through Springfield on the Frisco for Texas City, Tex., where they will be delivered to the army.

Fights Way Out of Jail.—Leonard Coker, 15, awaiting removal to the state penitentiary to serve a four-year sentence, overpowered a son of Sheriff Holes in the Taney county jail at Forsythe and escaped to the hills.

ACCUSES COUNTY OFFICIALS

John D. Hicks of St. Joseph, Claims Public Funds Have Been Diverted.

In an affidavit filed in the circuit court at St. Joseph, by John D. Hicks, a real estate man, it is charged that four elective county officers have collected and retained in excess of their salaries as fixed by law, thousands of dollars of county money.

The petition asks that Judge T. J. Hill, presiding judge of the county court, be enjoined from signing warrants for paying them further salaries until the matter is adjusted, that a special prosecutor to investigate be appointed and that, as required by law, the attorney general of the state be asked to join in the investigation. The accused officials are C. C. Ferrell, prosecuting attorney; J. S. Burris, auditor; Ross C. Cox, circuit clerk, and Joseph E. Hunt, county clerk.

The charges alleged that the salaries which these officers now collect were not to go into effect until after the next election, that the officials should still hold office under the old law, changed by the 1911 legislature which allowed them a nominal salary and certain fees. As soon as the law had been passed, it is charged, these officials voluntarily placed their offices on the new basis of salary alone as a result of which it is charged that they have received more money than they are entitled to.

UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE

This Year Is the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Big State School.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University of Missouri will be celebrated in Columbia June 1 with appropriate exercises. Alumni and residents of the state will be the guests of the university.

Wednesday morning there will be talks by alumni, a representative of the state and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture. At 1 o'clock there will be a luncheon for the visitors in Columbia. Then will come a military parade, a motor car ride, singing on the campus by the glee club at 7 o'clock at night and another musical entertainment later. The campus will be illuminated.

Several new departments have been added to the work of the summer session to be given at the university June 11 to August 8. They include courses for ministers in agriculture, rural sociology and rural economics. Short courses in bookkeeping, penmanship, stenography and typewriting are offered for the first time this summer. The average cost for a summer's work in the university, including everything except railway fare, is about \$70.

PLENTY OF FARM LABOR NOW

State Board of Agriculture Finds Work Is Far Advanced For This Time of Year.

Not only is farm work further advanced than ever before in Missouri at this time of year, but there is very little shortage of farm labor. The state board of agriculture has sent inquiries to its numerous correspondents asking for a statement on the farm labor condition. Less than 15 per cent of the replies say that there is need for any additional help.

The reason for this condition lies in the open winter, which allowed more winter plowing to be done than for years, the more general use of labor saving machinery by Missouri farmers, and the smaller number of men employed in the mines of Southern Missouri at present and a consequent shift by many such laborers to farm work.

Killed in Motor Crash.—Fred Becker of Booneville, was killed while driving a motor car on the Santa Fe Trail, one mile west of that city. He was running at a high rate of speed and one of the tires gave way, causing him to lose control of the car. It turned over, pinning him beneath it. Cecil Jennings, who was with him, escaped injury. Becker was injured two weeks ago in Oklahoma, while racing in a motordome. This is the first death resulting from a motor accident in Cooper county.

Sedalia Switchman Killed.—Having caught his foot in a switch frog, Harry Knox, a Missouri Pacific switchman, was killed by a switch engine which ran over him in the railroad yards at Sedalia. He was a son of Judge C. W. Knox, former member of the Pettis county court.

College Head Accepts Call.—The Rev. Dr. Charles Brazee Boying, president of Westminster college, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Bowling Green, Ky. He will take up his new work July 1.

Police Board Scores.—The last of four indictments charging members of the St. Joseph board of police commissioners with misconduct and oppression in office, was quashed by Judge Seehorn of Kansas City, who was called in after Judge T. F. Ryan had been sworn off the bench. A similar fate befell the other indictments against U. G. Crandell and Joseph I. McDonald, the defendants. Judge Seehorn held that the indictment was faulty in that it charged Crandell with official misconduct for the actions of an individual.

FIGHT FOR BIG ROAD FUND

SMITH OPPOSES REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION.

Method of Distribution to States Under Shackleford Bill Is Changed—Cut Voted in Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Opposition to the action of its subcommittee in reducing the appropriation for the first years' work from \$25,000,000 to \$5,000,000, prevented final disposition of the Shackleford good roads bill in the senate committee on postoffices and post roads.

The bill calling for \$25,000,000 was passed by an overwhelming majority in the house. In the senate committee a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Swanson of Virginia, Bankhead of Alabama and Smith of Georgia, was directed to consider and revise the measure.

The subcommittee recommended a slightly altered plan of distributing the money and allowed only one-fifth of the sum granted in the house. The house bill proposed to allow \$65,000 to each state and to divide the balance one-half in the ratio which the population of each state bears to the total population of the United States and one-half in the ratio which the total mileage of post roads of each state bears to the total mileage of the United States.

As now pending in the senate committee, a triple scheme of distribution is involved.

54 FACE TRIAL FOR KILLINGS

Four Colorado Indictments Are Returned for First Degree Murder and Others for Conspiracy.

Boulder, Colo.—Indictments charging first-degree murder were returned by the grand jury here against William T. Hickey, secretary of the State Federation of Labor; John O'Connor, president of the Louisville, Colo., local union of the United Mine Workers of America, and Jerry Carter and Joe Polestio, union leader.

Indictments charging conspiracy to murder were also returned against Edward L. Doyle, treasurer of District 15 United Mine Workers of America; John R. Lawson, international board member of the American Federation of Labor, and 48 others, including the four men named in the indictments, charging first degree murder.

INDICTED FOR CANAL FRAUDS

Former Manager of Commissary Department Accused of Conspiracy by New York Grand Jury.

New York.—John Burke, former manager of the commissary department of the Panama canal zone, was indicted by the federal grand jury here for conspiracy to defraud and for other alleged offenses.

He was dismissed some time ago. Indictments were also returned against three provision dealers at Colon, Panama. At the time of Burke's removal, it was alleged that he accepted gratuities from dealers in supplies. His case has been under investigation by the grand jury here for three months.

CANADA HAS A "NO TIP" BILL

Measure Providing \$100 Fine, Makes Employer Liable, Likely to Pass the Senate.

Ottawa, Ontario.—The bill making tipping and the taking of tips an indictable offense has passed the senate committee of the whole. The bill at first excited much ridicule. Then suddenly a widespread demand for its passage resulted. It probably will pass the senate and be sent to the house committee for concurrence. The bill makes it an offense punishable by a fine of \$100 to give or take a tip and makes the employer equally liable.

TREATY RATIFIED BY JAPAN

Secretary Bryan Had Been Advised Last June That Country Was Willing to Renew Agreement.

Tokio.—The privy council ratified the arbitration treaty with the United States.

The treaty between the two governments expired on Aug. 24 last. As long ago as June last the Japanese ambassador in Washington advised Secretary of State Bryan of Japan's willingness to renew the understanding, but final action was delayed.

Man Kills Girl and Shoots Self. Cincinnati.—Orville Thompson of Middletown, O., shot and killed Miss Anna Schwemlein by firing at her from an elevator. He then descended to the basement, where he shot and probably fatally wounded himself.

Japs Want Major's View. Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Major received a letter from N. Nasayka, a representative of the Japanese government, requesting that the governor write 3,000 words on "What Japanese Ought to Know About America."

Morgan Books to Be Sold. New York.—The Foulco collection of rare books on ornaments and architecture, purchased by the late J. Pierpont Morgan in 1910 for \$200,000, are to be sold at auction in Paris early in June.

FREDERICK W. LEHMANN



Frederick W. Lehmann, who with Justice Lamar will represent the United States in the Mexican conference, is an authority on international law and formerly was solicitor general of the United States.

TEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

RUBBER COMPANY PLANT IN DETROIT IS WRECKED.

Ten Others Missing and Believed in Ruins of Fire Caused by Ignition of Auto Tire Compound.

Detroit, Mich.—An explosion believed to have been caused by the ignition of compounds used in the manufacture of automobile tires, claimed the lives of 10 men in the plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber company in Delray, a Detroit suburb.

The big one-story concrete building of the company was reduced to ruins by the force of the explosion and police and firemen are searching the debris for the bodies of other employees believed to have perished. Besides the dead, 10 are known to be missing and some reports say that 30 were imprisoned in the wreckage.

Eight men were killed outright by the explosion and their bodies recovered. Three others, frightfully mangled, were removed from the ruins and taken to the Solway hospital, where two of them died within an hour. The third is said to be near death.

Fire spread in the wreckage and the work of rescue was seriously delayed because of this fact.

Officials of the company refused to make public any list of the men employed in the plant or the number at work at the time of the explosion.

So terrific was the explosion that scores of buildings in the neighborhood of the plant were rocked and windows for several miles around broken. Panic-stricken residents rushed from houses and stores and police reserves were sent to the district to quell a near-panic.

LENGTH OF LIFE INCREASING

Dr. Bailey Says Children Born in 1950 Will Have an Average Worldly Existence of 100 Years.

Chicago, Ill.—"Children born in 1950 will have an average length of life of 100 years," was the statement of Dr. E. S. Bailey of Chicago, written in the records of Illinois Homeopathic Medical association.

"Statistics prove that with the advance in knowledge and increased ability to fight disease, the average length of life is increasing. Fifty years ago the average length of human life was 35 years. Today the average is 50 years. On that basis it will be 100 years in 1950."

2 BRITISH AVIATORS KILLED

Machine Hits Ground Sharply and Overturns and Both Men Are Crushed Under Motor.

Northallerton, England.—Two British army aviators were killed near here in a collision flight by a squadron of military aeroplanes from Scotland to Salisbury Plain. The men killed were Lieut. J. Empson of the Royal Fusiliers and Sergt. Dudmore, acting as mechanic.

The accident occurred when the aviators were trying to land in a dense fog. The machine struck the ground sharply and overturned. The occupants were killed by the motor falling on them.

Mrs. T. J. Preston Returns. New York.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who has been living abroad for some time, arrived here. Mrs. Preston said that she had come for only a short stay in this country.

Oil Refinery Planned. Gainsville, Tex.—Local capitalists associated with men from Fort Worth and Wichita Falls have started a movement to build a \$500,000 oil refinery here, to handle oil from the Texas and Oklahoma fields.

CHARGES AGAINST MAJOR

COLORADO MILITIA OFFICER ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Arson and Larceny Accusations Against P. J. Hamrock Also Presented at Court Martial.

Denver, Colo.—Charges of arson, murder, manslaughter and larceny against Maj. Patrick J. Hamrock of the First regiment, Colorado national guard, were filed before a general court martial at the state rifle range at Golden.

The charges grew out of the fight between the state militia and the coal mine strikers at Ludlow, April 20, and the fire which destroyed the strikers' tent colony.

Trinidad, Colo.—Rebuilding of the Ludlow tent colony is going rapidly forward on a site just back of the old colony, which was destroyed by the fight and fire of April 20, in which more than a score of lives were lost. It is expected that within a few days the entire San Rafael Heights strikers' colony will be transferred to its former location commanding a view of several mines which recently were scenes of fights between strikers and mine guards and militia.

At 5 o'clock last evening the proclamation commanding enforced disarmament went into effect. No trouble is expected by United States soldiers, who set out to relieve "suspected" persons of any arms that may be found.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; THREE DIE

Machine Said to Have Run Into Wheels of Locomotive Running at High Speed in Illinois.

Kaufman, Ill.—John Stuckwisch, his wife and her brother, Oscar Meier, all of Marine, Ill., were killed here, when Stuckwisch's automobile, in which they were riding, collided with the locomotive of a westbound Clover Leaf passenger train.

Two witnesses declared the automobile ran into the locomotive. Two others said the automobile was upon the track and was struck by the pilot. All witnesses said they heard the train whistle as it approached the crossing, but that the motorists either did not hear it or did heed it.

Ehrmann and Evan Greene, 18, who were standing 40 feet away, said the pilot struck the automobile, while Hermann and Fireman Lynch said the automobile ran into the locomotive.

Conductor Hazelton declared the train whistled once for Kaufman Station and later whistled four times—two long and two short blasts—for the crossing.

CONFESSES TO \$70,000 THEFT

Tennessee Official Tells His Part in Helping Former Mayor of Gallatin to Loot Bank.

Nashville, Tenn., May 16.—Silence reigned for more than two months by Herbert B. Jackson of the state department, indicted with Will D. Brown, former cashier of the First National Bank of Gallatin on a charge of robbing the bank of \$70,000, was broken in the hearing of the case before United States Commissioner Harry A. Luck, when Jackson confessed.

Jackson told of having had a prearranged meeting with Brown, who, at the time was mayor of Gallatin. He said he was told by Brown that something had to be done and agreed to hide a bag of money that contained about \$12,000.

WHEELER DECLINES TO SERVE

Prevented by Pressure of Business to Be Member of Federal Reserve Board, Chicagoan Says.

Washington, D. C.—It was announced at the White House that Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago banker, has declined appointment as a member of the federal reserve board. He wrote the president that pressure of private business would prevent him accepting.

This leaves two vacancies which the president is expected to fill so that the entire list may be sent to the senate not later than next Wednesday.

FAILS TO STOP GAME LAWS

Senate Leaves Appropriation in Bill, Despite Reed's Argument on Its Unconstitutionality.

Washington.—The federal migratory bird law was denounced as unconstitutional in the senate by Senator Reed of Missouri.

Despite arguments that the law is unconstitutional, the senate defeated all efforts to cut down the \$50,000 in the agricultural appropriation for its enforcement.

Three Murdered at Home. Ironton, O.—Three members of a well-to-do family, Mrs. Dennis Massie, 75 years old, her son Robert and daughter Mary, both past 45 years old, were murdered at Grassy Ridge, 25 miles from Ironton.

Prof. Burdick Resigns. Columbia, Mo.—Prof. Chas. K. Burdick of the law school at the University of Missouri, has resigned. He will go to Ithaca, N. Y., to accept a position in the law school of Cornell university.

ADRIFT AT SEA 13 DAYS, 4 ARE SAVED

U. S. CUTTER PICKS UP MORE SURVIVORS OF THE BURNED STEAMER COLUMBIAN.

ALL NEAR DEAD WHEN FOUND

Fifteen Men Left Steamer in Open Boat, 11 Dead of Exhaustion—Two Boats With 27 Were Picked Up 12 Days Ago.

Boston, Mass.—Four survivors of a boatload of 15 who escaped in the third boat of the freight steamer Columbian, burned at sea on May 3, were picked up by the United States revenue cutter Seneca 40 miles south of Sable Island, according to a dispatch received here from the cutter.

When their short allowance of biscuit and water had failed, they maintained life by chewing boot leather and a few stray crumbs of hard tack. Rain water was all they had to drink after the water cask went dry.

The first two days after drifting away from the flaming Columbia they saw three steamers too far away to be signaled.

Died of Hunger and Exposure. The dispatch from Capt. Johnston of the Seneca follows:

"Ten a. m., 40 miles south of Sable Island; rescued lifeboat with Officer Robert Teire, Sailors Oscar Kendall, Peter Belanger, Fireman Michael Ludwigsen, survivors of 15. Officer George Hull died on the 10th; Peter Triel today. Others between. All died of exposure and hunger. Short allowance biscuit and water. Eating biscuit crumbs and boot leather when rescued. Saw three steamers first two days, none since. Much rain. Fine today. All under doctor doing well.—Johnston."

The death roll of the burned freighter now stands at 15.

27 of Crew Rescued.

Twenty-seven other members of the crew were saved by the Cunard liner Franconia and the steamer Manhattan after two days of exposure.

Hope of the third missing boat had been abandoned after a dozen trans-Atlantic liners searched for five days within a radius of the spot where the Columbian burst into flames. To seafaring men, it seemed impossible that a small boat could pass through the series of gales that has since swept those waters and the first news was received here almost with incredulity.

Vera Cruz Bridge Blown Up.

Washington.—Brig. Gen. Funston reported from Vera Cruz that the Mexicans had dynamited and destroyed the San Francisco bridge on the line of the Inter-oceanic railway, 28 miles from Vera Cruz. This bridge was one of the most important on the line of the inter-oceanic, and its destruction greatly increases the difficulty of this route for an American advance to the City of Mexico.

Ford to Lay Off 6,000 Men.

Detroit, Mich.—About 6,000 men will be laid off by the Ford Motor company within the next three weeks, according to an announcement made by James Couzens, treasurer of the company. His explanation of the action was that the annual slackening in the automobile business is at hand.

Launch Tips; Five Drown.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Five members of a pleasure party consisting of nine persons, were drowned when the launch in which they were riding capsized in the Mississippi river here. The dead are: Mrs. Otto Justmann and her two children, and two children of John C. Buckholz.

Finds Buried Lincoln Ring.

Evansville, Ind.—A ring bearing the inscription of "T. A. Lincoln" was found at Lincoln City, Ind., 35 miles east of here. The ring was found by a negro fisherman while he was digging bait near the site of the old home of Thomas A. Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln.

Utah "Cattle Queen" Dies.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnemart, known throughout the west as the cattle queen of Utah, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Bonnemart came to Utah when 20 years old, and has made a fortune computed at \$2,000,000.

Car Hits Auto, Three Killed.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Three members of one family were killed and four others injured near here when an Indiana Union Traction car struck an automobile. Thomas O. Stout, his son Claude and his son-in-law, J. C. Shafer, were killed.

Army Basket Ball Men Balk.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Seven basketball players are doing their best to escape a possible call to war by defeating the First Minnesota field artillery to court martial them for not reporting for drill.

Snipers at Vera Cruz Free.

Washington.—Acting on instructions from President Wilson, Secretary Garrison secured the release of the five "snipers" who were taken from a Mexican merchantman and confined in jail by Admiral Fletcher.